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**MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD**

Special Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Buchanan Center Auditorium

Present: L. Bailey, ex officio, E. Bar-Shalom, E.Chibeu, S.Q.Clark presiding, H. Hand, M. Hart, ex officio, B. Katz, R. Pollack, C. Rees, D. Truman

Absent: J. Greene

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **COMMUNICATIONS**
Information submitted by C. Schaeffer at the end of the previous meeting was discussed and referred to, as was a summary of salient information from it submitted S.Q. Clark, Board Chair. Written information had been received from L. Bailey, Library Director (included in meeting packets). Information was presented by M. Hart, Town Manager.
- III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
One member of the public spoke (against the idea of a Shared Directorship; from a school teacher's point of view).
- IV. The Minutes of the Special Meeting August 18, 2011 were approved as submitted.
- V. Library Advisory Board Discussion and Consideration of the Formulation of Advisory Statement(s) Regarding the concept of a school library position enfoldng the public library directorship and its possible ramifications

Library Board members engaged in discussion, including a response from L. Bailey, Library Director, regarding the written presentation given by M. Hart, Town Manager. B. Katz moved that the Library Board oppose the idea of a Shared Directorship; seconded by D. Truman and others in unison. The motion was approved without opposition or abstention. R. Pollack moved that the Board members formulate a statement together expressing this recommendation after the meetings adjournment; to be submitted to the Town Manager and the Town Council. Seconded by D. Truman; motion carried without opposition or abstention.

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** at 8:04 p.m.